

REMARKS

This application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated January 9, 2007. Claims 1-23 are pending in this application, and have been amended to define more clearly what Applicants regard as their invention; no change in scope of the claims is either intended or believed to be effected by the changes. Claims 1 and 9 are in independent form. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

Applicants note with appreciation the indication that Claims 1-17 and 19 would be allowable if the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph (set out in the Office Action) is overcome. Since the rejection under Section 112, second paragraph, is believed to have been overcome, as discussed below, Claims 1-17 and 19 are now believed to be in condition for allowance.

A certified copy of the priority document for this application was filed on September 15, 2003, as evidenced by the attached PAIR printout of the Submission of Priority Document bearing the stamp of the Patent and Trademark Office. Applicants respectfully request acknowledgment of the claim for foreign priority and the receipt of the certified copy.

Claim 22 was objected to under 37 C.F.R. § 1.75(c) as being in improper multiply dependent form. Claim 22 has been amended to depend only from Claim 20. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection of Claim 22 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.75(c) is respectfully requested.

Claims 20, 21, and 23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claims 20, 21, and 23 each now recite a computer-

readable storage medium, as suggested by the Examiner. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 101 is respectfully requested.

Claim 18 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for being a single means claim. Claims 1-23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite.

The claims have been carefully reviewed and amended as deemed necessary to ensure that they conform fully to the requirements of Section 112, second paragraph, with special attention to the points raised in paragraphs 5-8 of the Office Action. It is believed that the rejections under Section 112, second paragraph, have been obviated, and their withdrawal is therefore respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

An Information Disclosure Statement is submitted herewith.

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Respectfully submitted,

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SUBMISSION OF PRIORITY DOCUMENT

Sir:

In support of Applicants' claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119, enclosed is
a certified copy of the following French application:

0209389, filed July 24, 2002.

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